

CAPSULE SUMMARY

BA-1160

15217 Hanover Pike

Upperco, Baltimore County

1885

Private

The Old Fowblesburg School is historically located near the Fowblesburg in the Fourth District of Baltimore County. The Fourth District is located at the western edge towards the center of the county bordering Carroll County, Maryland and contains the largest area of land in the county. It is historically known for its Railroad transportation connecting to Pennsylvania, iron ore mining, and wheat farming. In 1870, the district had a population of 4,167. Although an exact date of construction for the schoolhouse has not been determined, historic maps and architectural evidence support a circa 1885 date. Located along Hanover Pike, this brick schoolhouse replaced the wood frame Fowblesburg School No. 1 built in 1860. A school does appear on the 1877 Hopkins Atlas, which was the wood frame schoolhouse. According to the owner, the school was altered to a residence during the 1920s. Hanover Road is a continuation of the Baltimore and Reisterstown turnpike into Pennsylvania. Serving Fowblesburg was the Upperco Post Office, a tavern, and St. Paul's Methodist Church.

The Old Fowblesburg School, now a dwelling, located at 15217 Hanover Pike is located in a rural landscape with foundation plantings, on a level grassy lot surrounded by several mature trees. Railroad tracks are seen directly behind the property. A short gravel driveway leads to the house. The school constructed circa 1885, sits on a solid parged stone foundation and is constructed in a six course American brick-bond. The façade is four bays wide and the school stands one-and-a-half-stories high with two non-historic gable dormers on the façade. There are six paired vinyl lattice casement windows and two 1/1 double-hung vinyl sash windows. The façade features a corner porch, which covers the single-leaf paneled wood door illuminated with a 1-light transom. The porch is supported with Tuscan square wood posts. The school has one interior-end stone chimney and one exterior-end brick chimney both with concrete caps. The southeast elevation shows a skirt roof, and the side gable clad with vinyl siding. One garage, built in 1990, is associated with this property.

Maryland Historical Trust

Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties Form

Inventory No. BA-1160

1. Name of Property (indicate preferred name)

historic Old Fowblesburg School (preferred)

other

2. Location

street and number 15217 Hanover Pike not for publication

city, town Upperco vicinity

county Baltimore County

3. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name James Robert McDonald, Jr. and Amy McDonald

street and number 15217 Hanover Pike telephone Not Available

city, town Upperco state MD zip code 21155-9750

4. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Baltimore County Courthouse liber 14817 folio 477

city, town Towson tax map 31 tax parcel 44 tax ID number 2200026232

5. Primary Location of Additional Data

- ☐ Contributing Resource in National Register District
☐ Contributing Resource in Local Historic District
☐ Determined Eligible for the National Register/Maryland Register
☐ Determined Ineligible for the National Register/Maryland Register
☐ Recorded by HABS/HAER
☐ Historic Structure Report or Research Report at MHT
☐ Other: _____

6. Classification

Category	Ownership	Current Function	Resource Count
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	Contributing
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce/trade	Noncontributing
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> defense	1 buildings
<input type="checkbox"/> site		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> domestic	1 sites
<input type="checkbox"/> object		<input type="checkbox"/> education	1 structures
		<input type="checkbox"/> funerary	1 objects
		<input type="checkbox"/> government	1 Total
		<input type="checkbox"/> health care	
		<input type="checkbox"/> industry	
		<input type="checkbox"/> landscape	
		<input type="checkbox"/> recreation/culture	
		<input type="checkbox"/> religion	
		<input type="checkbox"/> social	
		<input type="checkbox"/> transportation	
		<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	
		<input type="checkbox"/> unknown	
		<input type="checkbox"/> vacant/not in use	
		<input type="checkbox"/> other:	
			Number of Contributing Resources previously listed in the Inventory
			1

7. Description

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Condition

<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated
<input type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> altered

Prepare both a one paragraph summary and a comprehensive description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

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8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance	Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> health/medicine	<input type="checkbox"/> performing arts	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> invention	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-1999	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment/ recreation	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion	
<input type="checkbox"/> 2000-	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> ethnic heritage	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science	
	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/ settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> social history	
	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning		<input type="checkbox"/> maritime history	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation	
	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation		<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other:	

Specific dates 1885 ca. **Architect/Builder** Unknown

Construction dates 1885 ca.

Evaluation for:

☐ National Register

☐ Maryland Register

☒ not evaluated

Prepare a one-paragraph summary statement of significance addressing applicable criteria, followed by a narrative discussion of the history of the resource and its context. (For compliance projects, complete evaluation on a DOE Form – see manual.)

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9. Major Bibliographical References

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10. Geographical Data

Acreage of surveyed property 1.96 Acre

Acreage of historical setting Unknown

Quadrangle name Hampstead

Quadrangle scale: 1:24,000

Verbal boundary description and justification

Old Fowblesburg School, constructed circa 1885, is located at 15217 Hanover Pike in Upperco in the Fourth District of Baltimore County. It has been historically associated with tax map 31, parcel 44 since its construction.

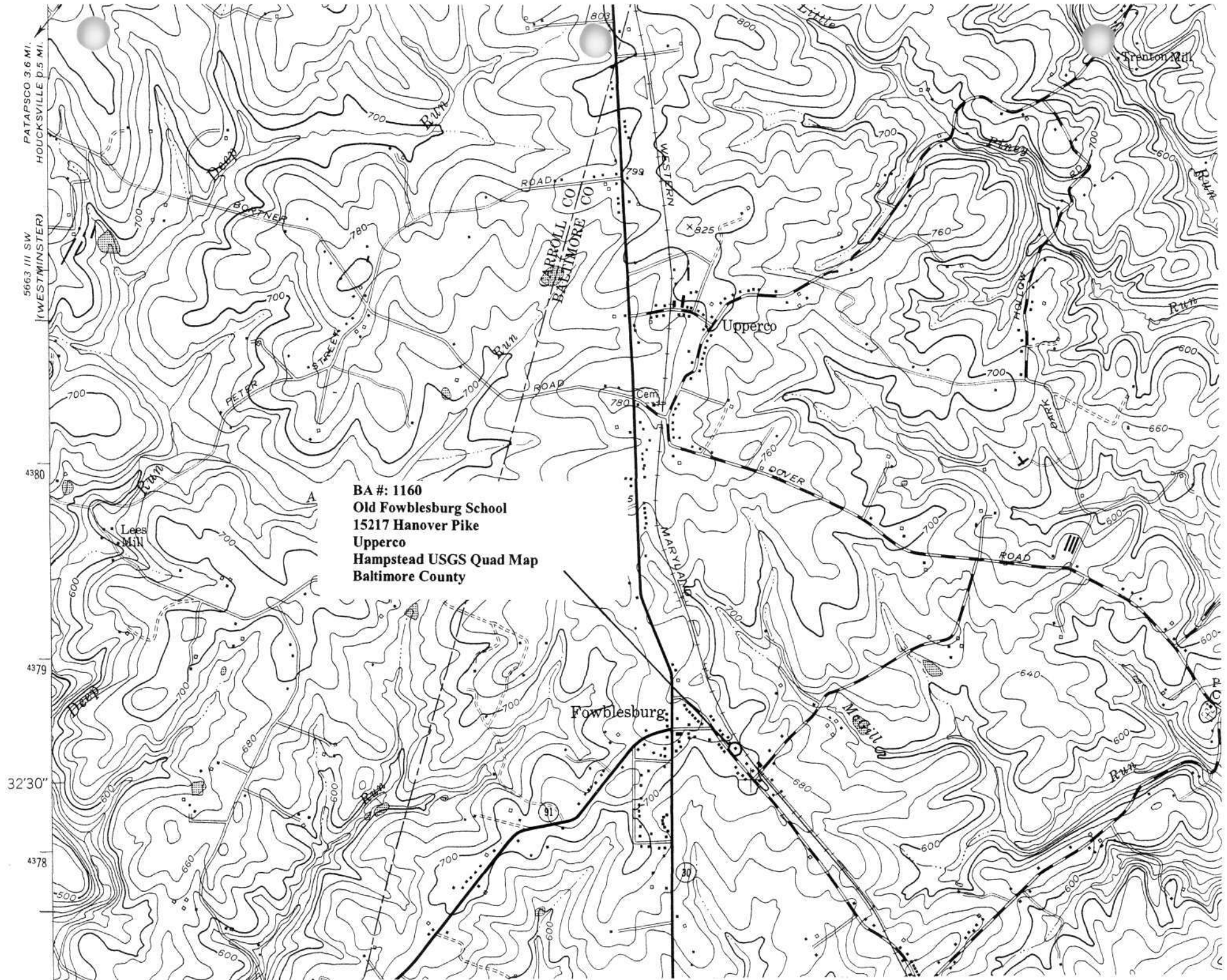
11. Form Prepared by

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OLD FOWBLESBURG SCHOOL, 15217 OLD HANOVER ROAD
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SCHOOL, SOUTHWEST ELEVATION

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SCHOOL, NORTHWEST ELEVATION

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SCHOOL HOUSE - 1881 - (East side) 15217 Old Hanover Road, south of junction with Hanover Pike. A brick school was built to replace the frame Fowblesburg School No. 1 of 1860. Designed by Frank E. Davis. The building was sold in 1936 to Charles S. C. Lookingbill and converted to a home. Since a photo of 1941, a number of dormer windows have been incorporated into this vernacular building. Owner: Paul F. Goodman.